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SENATE BILL

No. 367

Introduced by Senator Negrete McLeod (Principal coauthor: Senator Harman)

(Coauthors: Assembly Members Feuer, Fletcher, and Tran)

February 25, 2009

An act to add Section 51.13 to the Civil Code, relating to discrimination.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 367, as amended, Negrete McLeod. Discrimination.

The Unruh Civil Rights Act provides that all persons within the jurisdiction of this state are free and equal, and no matter what their sex, race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, disability, medical condition, marital status, or sexual orientation are entitled to the full and equal accommodations, advantages, facilities, privileges, or services in all business establishments of every kind whatsoever.

This bill would provide that any discount or other benefit offered to or conferred on a customer consumer or prospective consumer by a business because the customer consumer or prospective consumer has suffered the loss or reduction of employment or reduction of wages would not be considered an arbitrary discrimination in violation of that act.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

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The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 51.13 is added to the Civil Code, to read:
- 2 51.13. Any discount or other benefit offered to or conferred
- 3 on a customer consumer or prospective consumer by a business
- 4 because the customer consumer or prospective consumer has
- 5 suffered the loss or reduction of employment or reduction of wages
- 6 shall not be considered an arbitrary discrimination in violation of
- 7 Section 51.